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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE PRESIDENT AND WARREN CHRISTOPHER

FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, CIEC
SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. THE FIRST DAY OF THE CIEC MINISTERIAL WAS TAKEN WITH SPEECHES--FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGUAD, THE CANADIAN AND VENEZUELAN CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN AND UN SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM, FOLLOWED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, I HAD BILATERALS WITH PEREZ GUERRERO, EC PRESIDENT JENKINS, FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFILKA OF ALGERIA, FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE OF PERU, DE GUIRINGAUD OF FRANCE AND OREJA OF SPAIN.

2. PEREZ GUERRERO WAS VERY TOUGH AT OUR BREAKFAST MEETING AND IN HIS OPENING SPEECH. AT BREAKFAST HE LINKED OIL PRICES AND SUCCESS IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE QUITE CLEARLY, ARGUING THAT NOW THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE SO DEPENDENT ON OIL WE HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE "LITTLE FELLOWS." HE WAS COURTEOUS BUT
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THERE WAS AN EDGE OF BITTERNESS IN HIS REMARKS AND HE OFFERED LITTLE BASIS FOR OPTIMISM ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE. THE GROUP OF 19 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HERE FEEL HOSTAGE TO THE LARGER GROUP OF 77 (NOW 114) DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT REPRESENTED HERE AND THEY CANNOT YIELD ON SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN AGREED IN THE LARGER GROUP. THE PRACTICAL QUESTION

IS WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN END ON A POSITIVE NOTE. THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IS REASONABLY GOOD AND MY SPEECH RECEIVED FAVORABLE COMMENT IN THE CORRIDORS BUT THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE IS STILL VERY MUCH IN DOUBT. SENATOR RIBICOFF AND CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR DELIBERATIONS AND HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL.

3. TOMORROW WE WILL TRY TO NARROW THE SUBSTANTIAL DIS-AGREEMENTS THAT STILL EXIST AND WE WILL TRY NEGOTIATION LANGUAGE THAT MIGHT GO INTO A COMMUNIQUE OR REPORT. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, COUNTRIES HAVE STUCK TOGETHER IN THE TWO BLOCS, ALTHOUGH WE HEAR THERE HAVE BEEN SUB- STANTIAL DIVERGENCIES OF VIEW WITHIN THE G-19 OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE COHESIVENESS OF THE GROUP OF 8 INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES HAS BEEN HIGH BUT DAVID OWEN REACTED SHARPLY TO OUR PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER THE CONTINU- ATION OF CIEC SO I MODIFIED MY STATEMENT TO READ "WE BELIEVE THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE. WE ARE OPEN-MINDED ABOUT THE APPROPRIATE FORUM", WITHOUT MENTIONING CIEC EXPLICITLY. I TALKED TO YAMANI ABOUT THIS AND HE AGREED AS HE HAD NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO CONSULT WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE G-19. WE SHOULD HAVE A CLEARER IDEA BY NOON TOMORROW HOW THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL RESPOND TO THE STATEMENTS BY THE INDUST- RIALIZED COUNTRIES MADE TODAY.

4. WE HEARD A MOMENT AGO THAT THEY WILL HAVE ONLY ONE SPEAKER AND THAT THEY HAVE ASKED THAT I PARTICIPATE TO
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THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, CON- SISTENT WITH MY BILATERAL MEETINGS.
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